

the shock absorbing member comprises a step onto which an outer flange of the at least one cosmetic pan abut such that the at least one cosmetic pan is accommodated inside the central bore in a floating state.

**11.** A cosmetic compact according to claim **10**, wherein an outer flange of the at least one cosmetic pan abuts a step on the upper inner peripheral surface of the hollow tubular body and an inner concave surface of an upper curved portion of the hollow tubular body of the shock absorbing member.

**12.** A cosmetic compact according to claim **10**, wherein the at least one cosmetic pan is supported by the shock absorbing member only at a peripheral wall of the least one cosmetic pan and a bottom wall of the least one cosmetic pan is neither in contact with the shock absorbing member nor with the bottom wall of the base.

**13.** A cosmetic compact according to claim **1**, wherein a transverse lower-flange abuts an inner surface of the bottom wall of the base and a slanted upper-flange abuts an inner surface of the frame.

**14.** A cosmetic compact according to claim **1**, wherein the frame is configured to restrain the at least one cosmetic pan within the base.

**15.** A cosmetic compact according to claim **14**, wherein the base includes a groove that couples to a projection of the frame to help stabilize the frame and prevent movement of the frame within the base.

**16.** A cosmetic compact according to claim **14**, wherein the frame includes an opening to provide access to contents of the at least one cosmetic pan.

**17.** A cosmetic compact according to claim **14**, wherein the frame locks the at least one cosmetic pan with the shock absorbing member within the base.

**18.** A cosmetic compact according to claim **1**, wherein the at least one cosmetic pan may be attached to the shock absorbing member by a glue, a friction tight fitment or any other attaching means known in the art.

**19.** A process for assembling the base assembly of the cosmetic compact according to claim **1**, the process comprising:

securely receiving the shock absorbing member in a cavity of the base;

securing the at least one cosmetic pan within the central bore of the shock absorbing member; and

mounting the frame over the base to retain the at least one cosmetic pan within the base.

**20.** A cosmetic compact according to claim **1**, wherein the shock absorbing member is made of a material selected from a group consisting of plastic or elastomeric material, such as, for example, rubber, styrene, acetal, polyethylene, polypropylene.

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